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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION, APRIL 2

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL, VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

SUMMARY: AT PERMREPS LUNCH APRIL 2, ACTING UK REP SUPPORTED BY FRG PERMREP PROPOSED A SPECIAL MEETING OF NATO FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY TO COMMEMORATE THE ALLIANCE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY. SOME OTHERS WERE DOUBTFUL, BUT ALL AGREED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. PERMREPS ALSO DISCUSSED AND FAVORED COMPLETING NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION. SYG LUNS DEPLORED SAD STATE OF CURRENT EC-7.S. CONSULTATIONS. CANADIAN PERMREP SAID OTTAWA WAS WILLING TO HOST SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL IN JUNE, CONSENSUS APPEARED TO FAVOR NAC MINISTERIAL DURING WEEK OF JUNE 17. CANADIANS AND OTHERS HAVE CONFLICTS WITH PROPOSED DATE OF MAY 13 FOR LAW OF SEA CONSULTATIONS AND MANY FAVOR MAY 10. LUNS AND OTHERS BELIEVE APRIL 22 CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE WILL BE TOO EARLY TO  
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DECIDE WHAT WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME TO STAGE II.

LUNS AT REQUEST OF A NUMBER OF PERMREPS WILL SCHEDULE FURTHER NPG PERMREPS DISCUSSION BEFORE JUNE OF U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING.

LUNS AT REQUEST OF A NUMBER OF PERMREPS WILL SCHEDULE NATO SUDY

OF NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR. I ANNOUNCED RANDALL SUBCOMMITTEE FINDINGS. END SUMMARY.

PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL MINISTERIAL TO COMMEMORATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

1. ON MORNING BEFORE APRIL 2 PERMREPS LUNCH UK CHARGE LOGAN CAME TO SEE ME TO ADVISE ME THAT HMG BELIEVED 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE IS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALLIES TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. LONDON FELT STRONGLY THAT THE OCCASION SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED PREFERABLY IN THE ANNIVERSARY MONTH, AND SHOULD NOT PASS UNRECOGNISED.

2. LOGAN WAS THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK A CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND PERHAPS DEFENSE MINISTERS, TO BE HELD TOWARDS THE END OF APRIL. THE MEETING WOULD BE CONFINED TO ONE DAY AND ITS DECLARED PURPOSES WOULD BE TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY. OTHER BUSINESS WOULD BE TRANS-  
ACTED AT THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH WOULD BE HELD AT THE NORMAL TIME.

3. GIVEN THE LACK OF TIME, HMG THOUGHT SPECIAL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS.

4. THE NATURE OF ANY COMMUNIQUE OR OTHER DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED BY MINISTERS WOULD BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT. IF PRESIDENT NIXON DECIDES NOT TO VISIT EUROPE THIS PRING, IT MIGHT BE VALUABLE FOR MINISTERS TO SIGN THE ALLIANCE DECLARATION IF THIS COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME. IF THIS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, LOGAN CONCLUDED, THERE MIGHT BE ADVANTAGE IN ISSUING A COMMUNIQUE, LEAVING THE QUESTION OF DECLARATIONS TO BE PURSUED IN MORE LEISURELY FASHION.

5. LOGAN MADE SAME STATEMENT AT LUNCH. KRAPF ANNOUNCED BONN SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL.

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6. BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE SAID PERMREPS HAD DISCUSSED AN APRIL MEETING PREVIOUSLY AND HAD DECIDED AGAINST IT. DE STAERCKE WONDERED IF NATO COULD COMPLETE A DECLARATION IN TIME AND WARNED AGAINST A MEETING HELD TO COMMEM-  
ORATE THE ANNIVERSARY THAT COULD END IN ANOTHER BITTER EXCHANGE. LOGAN REPLIED THAT NATO SHOULD PROCEED WITH ITS DECLARATION FOR SIGNING IN APRIL IF POSSIBLE, BUT AT LEAST COULD ISSUE A COMMUNI-  
QUE. DE STAERCKE THOUGHT IT DANGEROUS TO MEET WITHOUT A DECLARA-  
TION. ITALIAN PERMREP CATALANO SUPPORTED DE STAERCKE. TURKISH PERMREP ERALP AND ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR TOMASSON ALSO HA

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12. DE ROSE SAID WE COULD PROCEED WITH THE NATO DECLARATION, BUT IT WAS NOW LINKED WITH THE EC-U.S. DECLARATION AND THAT WAS NOT READY. FRANCE HAD BEEN WORKING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO DECLARATIONS. TO DROP ONE NOW WOULD MOVE US BACK TO THE STARTING POINT. HOWEVER, HE FAVORED CONTINUING WITH THE NATO DECLARATION ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE AN EC DECLARATION.

13. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO DE STAERCKE'S IDEA EXPRESSED LAST WEEK THAT NATO MIGHT PROCEED AS BEFORE AND IN ADDITION CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION QUESTION IN THE HOPE THAT WORK WITHIN THE ALLIANCE MIGHT BE USEFUL IN SHEDDING LIGHT ON THAT ISSUE. WORK AND DISCUSSION IN NATO WOULD NOT PREJUDGE WHERE ANY SOLUTION TO THE CONSULTATION QUESTION WOULD BE PLACED, IN A NATO DECLARATION IF THIS WAS TO BE THE ONLY ONE, OR IN AN EC-U.S. DECLARATION.

14. DE STAERCKE AND LUNS POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. HAD PUT THE SECRET

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THREE CHOICES REGARDING THE DECLARATIONS TO THE NINE, NOT TO NATO. KRAPF AGREED.

15. NORWEGIAN PERMREP BUSCH AGAIN REFERRED TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER TO BRANDT THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE COMING TO NATO WITH ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS "AT AN EARLY DATE." DE ROSE SAID THAT IF THE US HAS IDEAS THAT IT WISHES TO ALTER THE COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL MANDATE TO

PERMREPS, IT SHOULD COME FORWARD WITH THEM.

#### CURRENT STATE OF ATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS

16. LUNS SAID THAT ON BASIS OF HIS RECENT VISITS TO ROME AND BONN HE EMPHATICALLY BELIEVED THAT CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE U.S. WAS NOT GOING WELL. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN NATO. HE ADDED STRONG CONCERN WITH FRG FORMULA FOR NINE TO CONSULT U.S. AFTER POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSIONS BUT BEFORE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS FEARING IT WOULD HARM WORTH OF ALLIANCE. LUNS REMARKED THAT HE HAD HEARD TALK ABOUT DISCUSSIONS OF WEU AS FORUM FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MILITARY MATTERS, AND EVEN TALK ABOUT RE-THINKING EUROPEAN DEFENSE.

17. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE SAID PARIS WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF DEPRIVING THE COUNCIL OF PREROGATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MATTERS IT PRESENTLY DEALS WITH, BUT ALSO DID NOT WANT NAC TO BECOME A "COURT OF APPEALS" OVER THE NINE. IF, AS LUNS SAID, THE NAC HAD NEVER BEEN SO POORLY INFORMED BY THE NINE SINCE THE FRG TOOK THE PRESIDENCY, IT MIGHT BE THAT THE NINE HAVE NOT TAKEN DECISIONS SINCE JANUARY. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT KRAPF SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE MEETING WITH THE NON-EC ALLIES TO TELL THEM THAT NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN.

#### JUNE MINISTERIAL MEETING

18. MENZIES SAID OTTAWA WAS PREPARED TO HOST THE SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. AS TO DATE, MENZIES SUGGESTED THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. I SUGGESTED THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE, AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS FAVORED THIS BECAUSE OF ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH EARLIER PROPOSED DATES. CONSENSUS FINALLY FAVORED WEEK OF JUNE 17, POSSIBLY THE 17TH AND 18TH OR THE 18TH AND 19TH.

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19. LUNS SAID HE WANTED TO SETTLE THE VENUE QUESTION BY NEXT WEEK. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON VENUE AND SPECIFIC DATES PREFERRED BY U.S.G.

#### LAW OF THE SEA CONSULTATIONS

20. MENZIES SAID, AND SEVERAL OTHERS AGREED, THAT MAY 13 WOULD BE A BAD DAY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THEIR REASONS WERE THAT CHIEFS OF STAFF ARRIVE MAY 13 FOR MEETINGS WITH DELEGATIONS BEFORE THEIR CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING AND PARTICIPATION IN SHAPEX. ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR THOMASSON ALSO SAID MAY 13 WOULD BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE FOR EYKJAVIK. MENZIES ASKED WHETHER WE COULD SCHEDULE CONSULTATIONS FOR PREVIOUS FRIDAY, THE 10TH, AND A CONSENSUS SEEMED TO BE BUILDING FAVORING THAT DAY. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

CONSULTATIONS ON OUTCOME OF CSCE STATE II

21. LUNS REFERRED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S RECOMMENDATION TO NAC MARCH 29 THAT NATO BEGIN CONSIDERING WHAT ALLIES WOULD CONSIDER A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME TO CSCE STATE II WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING ABOUT MOVEMENT TO STAGE III AND AT WHAT LEVEL. HE NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE IN NAC APRIL 22, BUT SAID A DISCUSSION OF SATISFACTORY OUTCOME ON THAT DATE WOULD AMOUNT TO A DISCUSSION OF ULTIMATE ALLIED FALL-BACK POSITIONS. BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF LEAKS, WE SHOULD HOLD SATISFACTORY OUTCOME DISCUSSION LATER.

22. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES NOTED THAT THE NINE WOULD BE DISCUSSING SATISFACTORY OUTCOME QUESTION, AND IMPLIED THIS WAS WHY SOME WERE SEEKING TO DELAY NATO DISCUSSION. NETHERLANDS CHARGE BUWALDA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FAVORED PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BUT NOT FINAL DECISION APRIL 22. COMMENT: I SUSPECT OTHERS OF THE NINE, AT LEAST, WILL SUPPORT NETHERLANDS POSITION. END COMMENT. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING

23. LUNS SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TURKEY AND CANADA, ABOUT A FURTHER  
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THEIR NPG PERMREPS' DISCUSSION OF U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING BEFORE THE NPG MEETING IN JU

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